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Frontispiece 3. Bethany Beach Site. U.S. Geological Survey, Eastern Earth Surface Processes Team truck-mounted drill rig at the Bethany Beach, Delaware, drill site (May–June 2000). The trailer on the right was used as a field laboratory.

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This volume presents scientific and engineering results from the Ocean Drilling Program (ODP). These results address the scientific and technical goals of the program, which are focused on the study of the dynamics of Earth's interior and environment, the evolution of oceanic crust, and the fluctuations of climate. In addition, study of the Earth's deep biosphere is an emergent research objective.

ODP, an international partnership of scientists and research institutions from 22 countries, operates the drillship *JOIDES Resolution*. This state-of-the-art research vessel contains eight levels of laboratories and other scientific facilities required for carrying out the program's objectives.

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